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Governors' Meeting
Oct. 28, 2009
BPA Headquarters (Portland)

Meeting called to order by: Steve Cramer at 12:08.

Executive Board Members in attendance: Steve Cramer, President, Mollie Gratrek, Vice President; Dana Murray, Secretary

Past Presidents Recognition: Debra Hansen

Also in attendance: Nancy Spencer, Connie Register, Claudia Perot, Michelle Walker, Alicia Mendenhall, Kirsten Kler, Marcella Renner, Eileen Jensen, Mary Kerr, Rena Brooks, Jamey Winchester

Minutes of last meeting: Alicia Mendenhall made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mollie Gratrek seconded the motion.

Treasurers Report: No report

PROGRAM REPORTS:

Associates Foundation (Cherie Long – PTM-5, (503-230-3147):

The Foundation will be having a Sees holiday candy sale in December.

Blood Drive (Marcella Renner – KEW-4, (503-230-4981)

(Nancy Spencer – PGP-5, (503-230-4244):

Blood drive was very successful, with a new machine that does “double donations.” Seventy five units were donated. There was discussion on whether we should recognize consistent blood donors, that have donated over the years many times, or if there were privacy issues.

Book Fairs (Nancy C. Mabe – TEC-CSB-1, (360) 619-6283):

No report

BPA Logo Merchandise (Eileen Jensen – TESH-CSB-2, (360) 619-6748:

The next sale will be Nov. 18th at HQ.

Caring and Sharing (Connie Register – KSB-6 (503) 230-5814):

President, Steve Cramer <> Vice President, Mollie Gratrek <> Secretary, Dana Murray <> Treasurer, Jeff Gaskin

One presentation was given.

Craft Bazaar (Angela Dowling – JM-3, (503) 230-3642):

The last craft bazaar for 2009 is Nov. 5th and 6th.

College Scholarship (Claudia Perot -- JCD-5 (503)230-3754):

Nothing new until February, since scholarships are complete for this year. There was an error in the letters from scholarship awardees in the last Watts News; one letter was not printed in its entirety. This will be corrected in the next newsletter.

Entertainment Book (Sandi Pierce – TEC-SCB-1, (360) 619-6285):

Still being sold.

Food Drive (Mira Vowles – KLH-1, (503) 230-4796):

No report.

Fundraising (Dana Murray – KSC-4, (503) 230-4336):

Michelle Walker reported on the talent show, which was well attended (over 100 people attended) and generated \$435 in ticket sales. The grand prize winner will be announced in BPA Connection. There were a few technical glitches, but these have been noted for correction, for next years show. People have been asking when the next show will be.

On the flyers about the Talent Show, it stated that the Associates would donate half of the money to Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). The BPA Ethics staff raised a question about if the Associates could donate funds to a specific charity like OPB. However, there seemed to be some confusion by the BPA Ethics staff, they thought that the Talent Show was related to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) activity that was occurring at the same time as the show. Steve is working on making the determination and will share the results once completed.

Group Events (Chérie Long - PTM-5, (503) 230-3147):

Blazer games are coming up, so get your tickets soon before they sell out. Lion King and La Bohème tickets are available.

Holiday Gifts for Foster Children (Beverly Witherite – JM-3, (503) 230-4262):

Connie Register has made contact to get the tree and get it set up.

Medical Equipment (Cherie Long – PTM-5, (503-230-3147):

No report

Membership (Jamey Winchester – NHP-1, (503) 230-3789):

No report.

Membership – Retirees (Rena Brooks – DB-3, (503) 230-4431):

Norm Holt passed away. Discussed a link for retirees, to receive the Watts News electronically. To attach as a PDF file is too large. Kirsten to send Rena the Watts News link.

Notary (Rena Brooks – DB-3, (503) 230-4431):

Two were completed.

Sports (Kirsten Kler – KT-1, (503) 230-4411):

No new requests.

Watts News (Kirsten Kler – KT-1, (503) 230-4411):

Hardcopy came out a few weeks ago. The next Watts News will be for Jan/Feb/Mar 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

The mail slot has been taped closed, due to mail being delivered and sitting unnoticed in it.

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NEW BUSINESS:

New lobby use rules have been drafted, and the Union has reviewed them. We are waiting for a final document. This will affect use of the 905 building lobby. Proposed restrictions are: no easels, tables or events will be allowed in the 905 building (they will need to be in the cafeteria alcove only).

Attendance Drawing: Jamie Winchester won the gift drawing, which was a gift basket of food items, healthy and scrumptious (fruit, brownie/cake mix, licorice, spaghetti, pasta, etc).

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

The next Governor's meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19th, 2009, at BPA Headquarters in Portland, Room 310 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. The bridge line is ext. 3344, passcode 9336#.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Murray, Secretary